GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF AUTONOMOUS BODY FOR PHARMACEUTICALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a single and central licensing autonomous body for pharmaceuticals on the lines of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): A Bill, namely, the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2007 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 2007 to, inter alia, set up a Central Drug Authority of India with a view to upgrade the national regulatory of India with a view to upgrade the national regulatory system for drugs and cosmetics and introduce centralized licensing for manufacture of drugs.